

# Cowichan Valley Open Learning Newsletter



**DECEMBER 2024**



## IMPORTANT DATES

**DEC 12**  
Sawmill Tour & Cashier Training

**DEC 19**  
School Turkey Luncheon

**DEC 20**  
Last day of classes



**DEC 25**  
Christmas Day

**DEC 31**  
New Years Eve

**JAN 6**  
**Back To School!**



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Please consider joining our small but mighty PAC! We are always open to welcome new members and/or ways to fundraise. Please consider sharing your voice with us!

Next meeting this, **Wednesday, Dec 4th, 7:30 pm.**

An email zoom link will be sent out beforehand.

PAC FB page: [PAC for Open Learning](#)

Email: [openlearningpac@sd79.bc.ca](mailto:openlearningpac@sd79.bc.ca)

## WINTER WEATHER

Winter weather information is posted on the school district website: [sd79.bc.ca](http://sd79.bc.ca).

As well as on our local radio and TV stations.

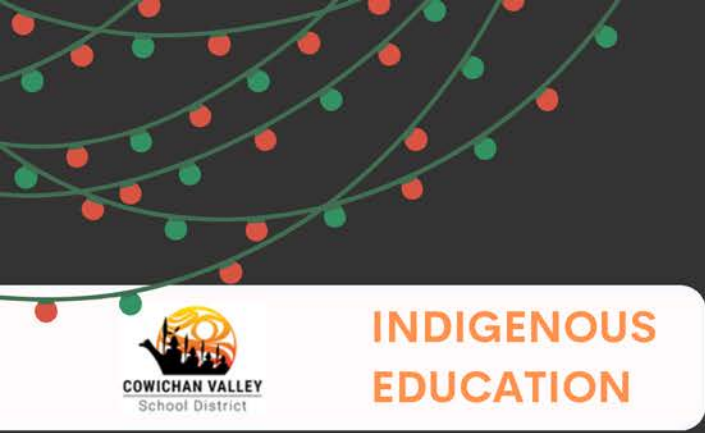
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## INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

### Upcoming in December....

Beading and Knitting workshops. Join in to create some Christmas gifts!!

Students are welcome to get more information on dates and times from Kim or Earl.



Did you know.... starting in January the Health Nurse will be here on Tuesdays again!!



#### JENN & KIM

Kataya Hasberg  
Grayson Skinner

#### NATE & NEIL

Autumn Jimmie-Louie  
Dre Henry

#### KIM TAH

Jasper Schmunk

Students  
OF THE  
MONTH

## weekly EVENTS



### MONDAYS

Rainbow Club 11:30 - 12:00 pm

### TUESDAYS

Dungeons & Dragons 11:30 - 1:00 pm

### WEDNESDAY

School Lunch 11:30 - 12:00 pm

### THURSDAY

Dungeon & Dragons 10:30 - 12:00 pm

Health Nurse 11:00 - 1:00 pm

### FRIDAYS

School mornings & afternoons

## STUDENT TURKEY LUCHEON

Every year we celebrate the holiday season with a family style feast! Students help prepare but then are asked to kick back, relax and enjoy the meal served by the CVOLC staff.

A huge buffet of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, vegetables, gravy and of course desserts are dished up and savoured by all.

Students, make sure you save the date:  
**Thursday, Dec 19th!!**





Darian Sucks??



# WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...



Let's Feast

## FIELD TRIPS

Throughout the year our Careers department organizes different opportunities to explore post secondary and/or career opportunities. This month there is a trip planned for students thinking they may be interested in joining the Forest Industry. On December 12th there will be a tour of a local mill. If you are interested talk to Darian our Careers teacher.

## CERTIFICATE COURSES

As well on December 12th, Cashier Training is being offered on site. If you are interested, talk to your teacher. There are limited spaces available, so register early. If you miss the cut don't fret, this will be offered again in the spring...we can keep your name on a wait list and reach out to then More certificate courses to come in the new year, so keep your eyes and ears peeled!





# CAREER EDUCATION & DUAL CREDIT PROGRAMS

## WHAT IS DUAL CREDIT?

Dual credit is available for motivated grade 11 & 12 students to take post-secondary courses or trade certificate programs and receive elective credits towards both high school graduation and post-secondary credentials while still attending high school.

## FREE TUITION

In partnership with Camosun College and Vancouver Island University, students can participate in a variety of trades training programs as well as approved academic courses that are sponsored **tuition free** by Cowichan School District. Students are responsible for purchase textbooks, tools, kits fee's that may be required for the course or certificate program.

## VIU TRADES & CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

The Cowichan Trades Centre is host to various trades programs from Carpentry, Hairdressing, and Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Mechanic.

All programs are offered through VIU. Cowichan School District students have the opportunity to stay local to participate in these exciting programs. At VIU Cowichan Campus, certificate programs such as Culinary, Health Care Assistant, Office Administration are offered.

VIU Nanaimo Campus offers popular programs such as Automotive, Dental Assistant, Heavy Duty Mechanic, Horticulture, and Welding. These programs are subject to seat availability, so students must consider to plan ahead early.



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## CAMOSUN COLLEGE

Working together with local industry leaders, the South Island Partnership provides Dual Credit programs and courses to give high school students a head start on their post-secondary pathways.

Trades programs such as Auto Service Technician, Carpentry, Culinary, Heavy Duty Mechanical, Horticulture, Plumbing & Pipe Fitting, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Mechanic, Sheet Metal, and Welding are just a few of the Trades programs that are offered through the South Island Partnership Program. Students can apply going in to their grade 12 year for these exciting programs.

## DUAL CREDIT ACADEMICS

Dual Credit Academics are available for grade 11 & 12 students for the **2025/2026** school year.

The following guidelines must apply:

- The academic courses must be a part of a certificate, diploma, or bachelor's degree for the chosen occupation of the student.
- The occupation must be attainable with the certificate, diploma or bachelor's degree
- The prerequisites for certificates, diplomas and bachelor's degrees are also eligible for district sponsorship.

Be sure to plan ahead and submit your application early as seat availability is limited.

**Academic application deadline is April 11, 2025. Applications will be added to a waitlist after this date until May 31, 2025.**

## YOUTH WORK IN TRADES

Are you currently working in a Trade? You could be eligible for a \$1000 Bursary from the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

Get ahead on the work-based training of a trade apprenticeship while you are still in high school. Not only will you take home a pay cheque, you will earn up to 16 credits towards your high school diploma and may be eligible for the \$1000 Youth Work in Trades (WRK) Award Bursary upon graduation.

**For more information, please contact our District Careers Principal - Ryan Gough at [rgough@sd79.bc.ca](mailto:rgough@sd79.bc.ca) and get registered today!**